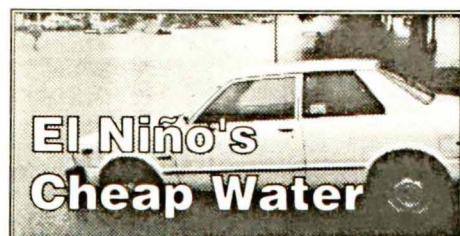


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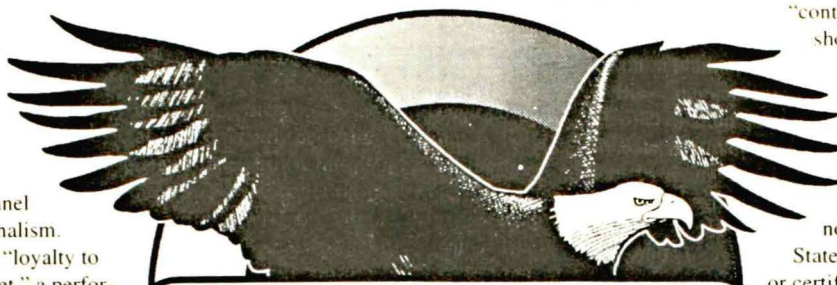
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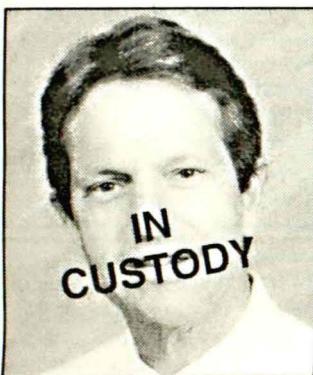
One month ago, Grossmont Union High School District's new superintendent, Thomas Godley, placed El Capitan Principal Mark Lindsay on "administrative leave." Godley's bold action led to districtwide speculation about the fate of the other nine principals and widespread belief the personnel moves reflect politics rather than professionalism.

Godley's evaluation includes testing for "loyalty to the board, the superintendent and the cabinet," a performance variable not valued by some of the principals. The principals have suggested the superintendent support decentralized "site-based leadership."

Godley believes principals should be involved in



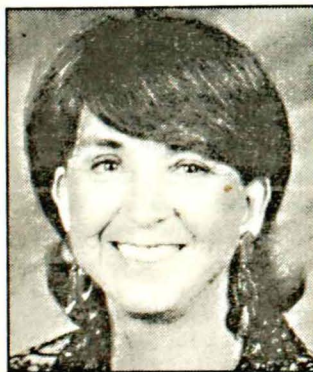
GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOST WANTED



EL CAPITAN

LINDSAY, D. MARK
AKA: Mark Lindsay
Years principal: 1
Years with district: 12

Lindsay was called to Superintendent Thomas Godley's office on Feb. 4 and told to clean out his desk at El Capitan. He wasn't fired, but given a temporary status called "administrative leave." Lindsay, who had previously worked as vice principal at Helix, says he had never been warned that his job performance was poor and has hired an attorney. Godley believes he's made a good decision despite public pressure to reinstate Lindsay.

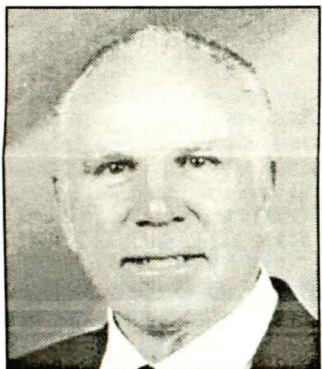


WEST HILLS

COLE, MARJORIE
AKA: Marge Cole
Years principal: 3
Years with district: 3

Rumor had Cole cleaning out her desk on President's Day. Parents rallied in front of the school to make other parents aware of rumored dismissal. Cole is still principal and has hired an attorney to fend off termination-without-cause. Cole is suspected of supporting the recall of Governing

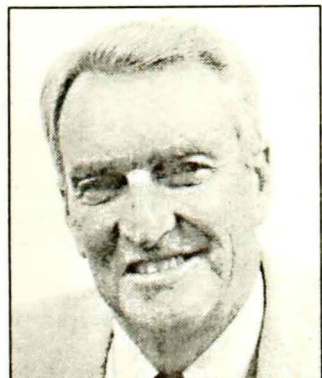
Board Member Nadia Davies. Davies intercepted a memo allegedly written by Cole to an elementary school principal in San Diego passing on recall information and asking that she not be identified.



MOUNT MIGUEL

BOEHMKE, RUSS
Years principal: 1
Years with district: 27

Boehmke started with the district as a teacher at Mount Miguel in 1971. In 1974, he was selected as the football coach at the newly opened Valhalla High School, where he stayed for 16 years. He was vice principal at El Capitan and Monte Vista. His accomplice, Helix science teacher Ron Boehmke, was caught sending a letter to other teachers advising they get students involved in opposing Godley.

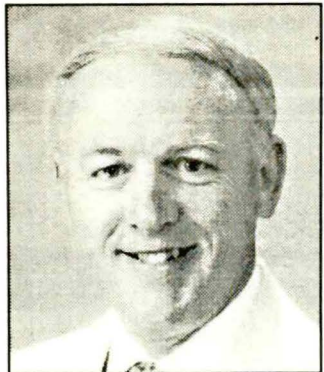


GRANITE HILLS

AVANT, BOB
Years principal: 5
Years with district: 28

Avant's first teacher/coach position was at Santana. In

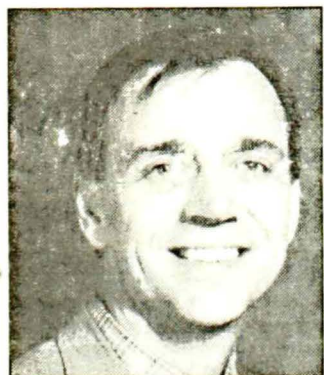
1975, he was vice principal at Monte Vista, then Valhalla. He served as principal at El Capitan, Valhalla and Granite Hills. Avant was one of the first people to high jump over seven feet, but is that high enough for Godley? He was recently caught in the middle of an apparent "break-in" by right-wing hero David Kidder.



VALHALLA

SMITH, BRIAN
Years principal: 2
Years with district: 30

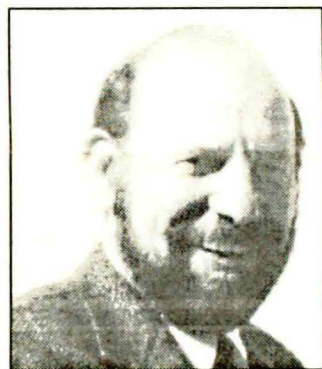
Smith taught U.S. History and coached football and track for 17 years. He was assistant principal at Granite Hills and Valhalla. He was principal of Mount Miguel from 1990-95. Recently caught representing the principals in questioning Godley's loyalty code.



HELIX

SMITH, DOUG
Years principal: 9
Years with district: 11

Smith was initially El Capitan's vice principal. As Helix's principal, he was notoriously spotted at all school-sponsored events. Smith and his youngest son joined the band for their tour of Scotland in 1996.



EL CAJON VALLEY

MELTON, BILL
Years principal: 1/2

Melton seems to have staff support on his new assignment. Calls to his office were not returned and he has no bio on file. Inquiries were finally directed to the district, which requested questions by fax.



MONTE VISTA

NOWAK, BARBARA
Years principal: 4
Years with district: 24

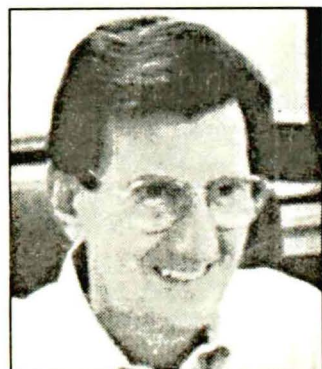
Nowak, a Helix graduate, was assistant principal at Helix and El Capitan, and served as counselor/teacher at Chapparral. Because she has been a teacher with the district, she qualifies for tenure. Nowak doesn't rock any boats and says principals should be rotated every few years, calling it, "good for the school."



SANTANA

PENNOCK, TERRIE
Years principal: 7
Years with district: 22

Pennock graduated from SDSU with degrees in speech, English and history and earned a master's degree at Point Loma College. She was assistant principal at Granite Hills and El Cajon Valley, having taught at Helix, El Cajon Valley and Santana. She says when campus life gets too hectic, "I just need to go sit in a classroom to remind me I am in the most rewarding profession."



GROSSMONT

ASHMAN, WILLIAM
Years principal: 3
Years with district: 27

Ashman is now principal at the very high school where he was first employed. He taught at Valhalla from 1974 to 1985. Ashman became vice principal at Grossmont in 1990 and principal in 1995. Ashman doesn't think he's done anything to provoke the powers-that-be, but if so, he says the tough go shopping: "The Saturday 15-hour sales are fun. Then there are always fruit trees and keeping the neighborhood clean and trimmed."

M is for Mayor

Personal comments of Mayor Mary Sessom

When Christopher Columbus was preparing to sail "the ocean blue" in 1492, most maps of the time depicted the world as being flat with dragons and monsters lurking at the edges. In 1996, the maps passed out at the Republican National Convention showed the county of San Diego ending at I-5 with a huge old void east of that freeway. The maps of the county improved in 1997. The tourist map issued by the Port of San Diego showed that there was something east of I-5, as long as you stayed north of I-8!

East County constantly fights the battle for identity - some might say for existence. For example county Supervisor Pam Slater in mid-1997 called for a county-wide symposium on Ecotourism. The early calls for this symposium centered on the wonders of our coast. Fortunately, Lemon Grove was able to rally all of East County and we were given a spot during that symposium in which to make a presentation.

I was privileged to be chosen by our neighbors to do the East County spot. However, I was given the same time allocation to cover an area from Anza-Borrego to our fair city that was equal to the time given to the city of Imperial Beach, the city of Carlsbad, the city of Chula Vista, etc. (I think you get the picture).

Now Lemon Grove finds itself in another two map/identity crisis. In one instance it concerns the drawing of the venue line for the El Cajon Superior Courts. The Superior Court has decided that it is time to clearly define which cases should go to which court (El Cajon, San Diego or Chula Vista). The venue line will serve as a clear delineation for the plaintiff which court has jurisdiction and that is the court where the case must be filed. Unfortunately, the court is looking at placing Lemon Grove in the San Diego district, thus effectively severing us from the rest of our East County brethren and sisters (that's legalese for brothers and sisters). I have spoken with Judge Sturgeon from the East Cajon Court and he is willing to carry the fight for including our city in the East County district. He may be able to do this without help, but some assistance would be of great benefit.

If you ever have to go to court (an event we all want to avoid) would you rather go to downtown San Diego, or to El Cajon. If you have a preference, Judge Sturgeon needs to know. Please send your letters, faxes and calls to your choice to me at City Hall (464-6934) and I will personally see that they are passed along.

The second identity crisis involves the *Daily California* newspaper. On Feb. 27, this paper printed a huge "East County" section which left out Lemon Grove. It is bad enough our papers are delivered by pony express, but to be totally ignored is an insult. I have two suggestions to make here. First, call, fax or write the *Californian* and let them know of your existence and displeasure over being ignored. Second, renew your subscription to the *Review* and cancel your subscription to the *Californian*. After all, we must be the protectors of our image and identity. Let's make sure that all new maps show Lemon Grove and show where it belongs - as a part of East County.

Community Notes

Braille Institute offers program to legally blind

A free 3-week introductory program to Braille Institute will be held in Lemon Grove in the Mesa Valley Grove Senior Programs/Lemon Grove Senior Center. The program will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays, March 13 and 27 and April 3.

The 3-week program will introduce people who are legally blind to Braille Institute services and teach them how to live independently despite sight loss.

New ways of doing daily tasks such as cooking and managing a home and how to maximize residual vision will be discussed. Information on scheduling a visual aids consultation and how to receive talking books through the Institute's Library Services will be provided.

The Mesa Valley Grove Senior Programs/Lemon Grove Senior Center is located at 8235 Mount Vernon St. in Lemon Grove.

For information or to sign up call Naomi Nussbaum at 452-1111.

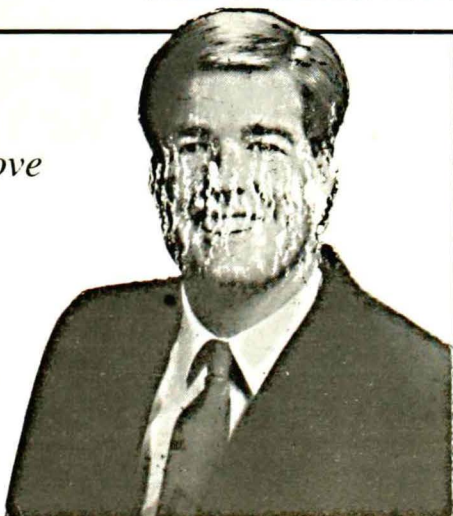
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March	1	75	45

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B Words

by Bob Burns

Lemon Grove to have real 'connections'

Many years ago, I coined the phrase Lemon Aid, for a button to promote incorporation. It probably was not original in the world, but I think it was a first for our town. Now comes Lemon LINK, and the LemonAids that will be forthcoming from our school district.

One of four districts in the state of California, accompanied with others such as L.A. Unified, and San Diego Unified, our little four square mile district will be receiving several million dollars over the next few years in challenge grant monies.

Project LemonLINK is a communication system that not only connects the learning community, school to school, but will be providing a link into the home as well. The technology will include classroom instruction and provide extension of learning opportunities to the community. It will provide professional development to teachers in their use of global network resources in content areas through LemonAIDS. These instructional units guide teachers and provide specific activities for students to access information worldwide. Ultimately these access opportunities will be available from schools, kiosks and each and every home in Lemon Grove.

Wow ... is that something. A small laptop for every home provided by these grant dollars. Are we not unique, or what? One of my favorites in our school system is Barbara Allen, who is the project director. She is aided by Darryl LaGace, who is the technical guru. Of course there is also Lean King, our super of schools, whose ever present smile is about 10 times larger these days. Obviously LemonLINK is partially the cause. I also want to give credit here to Patty Mac Intyre who really laid the computer groundwork in our district.

This is really mind boggling, when one begins to think about the possibilities. My first question was about the control of these valuable machines in the distribution process into the community. Would they be "damaged, misused, sold or stolen." I am sorry to have an immediate negative thought, but, in today's society, anything could happen.

I was told that the providing company had some good ideas on that score. Possibly a "Lojack" attachment? There will have to be some system of retrieving them when families move away, and transferring to those who come to our town. Also there is the "porn" spectra that I understand can be effectively blocked without an outright censorship.

Anyway, it is an exciting project, and we must thank our school board, our administrators and teachers for this very large step in the education of our children. And, maybe even the adults of our community can benefit as well. Now, if we need the answer to a question, we can ask our children. Could be better than them asking us and getting dubious answers. Like the parent who gave "I don't know" answers to his child's questions, and then advised the child to keep asking. "That's the only way you will learn," the dad replied.

Thanks Barbara, Darryl, Patty and everyone "connected" with LemonLINK and LemonAIDS. We are so very proud ...

Obituary

Ray Treinen

Ray Treinen, 77, of Lemon Grove died Feb. 25, 1998, at home. Mr. Treinen was born in Marcus, Iowa on Dec. 22, 1920 and grew up in Sioux City, Iowa. He lived in Lemon since 1953.

Treinen attended the University of Nebraska as a business major and went on to the Coast Guard Academy to become an instructor. While stationed in Miami, he married his college sweetheart, Frankie; they spent their honeymoon in the Florida Keys.

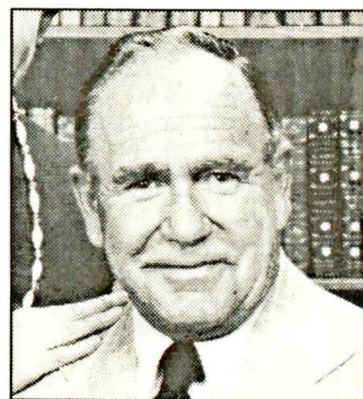
These were wonderful times for the Treinens, despite the fact that World War II was ongoing, and Ray Treinen was soon to be in charge of a landing craft deploying servicemen to Okinawa. One of his first orders was to insist that all of the men make out their last will and testament.

After World War II, he was the manager of Seaboard Finance Co. in San Diego. From 1960 to 1994, he was a real estate broker and served on the board of realtors as an officer. His area of specialty was commercial real estate.

Along with his wife, Treinen reared two sons and a daughter. Family, friends and neighbors were always his priority. He was active in Boy Scouts, Pop Warner Football, swim teams, high school booster clubs and the Kiwanis. Eventually, his grandchildren and great grandchildren would also become an extreme joy in his life. Treinen's love and pride in his wife, Frankie, was always very evident and family was the focus of Ray's sense of importance.

Treinen is survived by Frankie, sons Dan and Michael, granddaughters Amy, Summer and Meagan, and grandsons Darren and Jeremy. Ray will be missed as a member of the community and a neighbor and friend to many. Most of all, he will be greatly missed by his family.

His wish was to be created and his ashes scattered at sea in a private ceremony. An intimate wake was well-attended at the family home to celebrate his life.



••You heard it first in the Review!••

PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, which of our senses brings us ugly? And if beholders have that much power, where does that leave the rest of us? Such important questions require serious thought. Some would say you're in the wrong place if that's what you think you're going to find here. They're the ones who didn't duck when someone yelled "Here's mud in your eyes!" Here's mud in your eye!

The beauty question leads off today's inquiry. Just saying inquiry makes it sound like it's going to be insightful doesn't it? Not to worry. Beauty, I believe, is not subject to interpretation or, in the parlance of this piece, beholding. Beauty, I say, is out there. You see it; I see it. We know it, right? The beholder thing was just thrown in to allow those who really lack any understanding of beauty to be able to feel like they are equal participants. They shouldn't be and that's part of the problem. Those who claim to see beauty in the likes of Marilyn Manson or Don King (or his brother Larry for that matter) pretty well label themselves as beholders without credentials.

So, with that refreshingly out of the way, just what the heck is beauty? Beauty, I maintain, has to do with ears. You may have heard that before - just as you may not have known the Budweiser frogs before they went national - but I think I can make a convincing case for a link between beauty and the ear. First we will look at the placement of the ear.

If ears are placed too low on the face, it throws the nose out of alignment and any chance for beauty goes right out with it. Conversely, if the ears are located too high or too far back on the skull, the whole face is thrown out of proportion and beauty again rides the rails out of town. Or if one ear, by some horrible accident of nature, is at a different level than its mate, the possibility of beauty diminishes in direct proportion to the degree of the difference. Such slight variations in elevation of one ear or the other may be detectable only by the trained artistic eye but ordinary observers will hardly note that anything is amiss. A huge variation, however,

Ear beauty

and even the most unsophisticated eye can pick that up.

Following closely on ear placement is ear size and the angle at which they depart from the head. First size. Whoever said size doesn't matter wasn't talking about ears. That I'm pretty sure of. The size of one's ears matters and it matters much. Too large and you have the dumbo effect. Too small and all the remaining features of the face take on less than flattering proportions. The next time you hear someone babbling on about size not mattering, don't let them get away with it. Bring up ears.

The angle of ears is one of those things that many people aren't aware of or don't even know exists. It is only when they witness an angle that is grossly out of proportion that they take notice. If ears tilt forward, the visage is one of evil. If the ears lean back, bewilderment is the image being sent out. Angle is very important in the over-all ear/beauty connection.

The inherent beauty of the ear has recently been noticed by many young people, both female and male, and I believe some of them have gone too far. They have taken to accentuating their ears with adornments. Most of those involve skewering the ear with metal devices of one design or another. Some have even gone so far as to follow the kind of reasoning that has made Donald Trump the icon of good judgment that he is today: if one is good, 47 must be better. And since you can double the amount (don't forget there are two ears), that's beauty at its optimum. Trump that.

This quest for a clarification of beauty has, I hope, opened up new vistas in your thinking on the subject. There is probably a lot more to that famous quote, "Friends, Romans, Countrymen lend me your ears," than we know. Bet it had more to do with beauty than with communication. And Mike Tyson's ear fetish shows just how far one who is consumed with the beauty and desirability of the ear will go.

If you still believe that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, take a look in the mirror. Check out your ears. Doesn't that tell you something?

THE BRIGHTER VIEW



The voice we never hear

by Steven Saint

Although I attended the Medill School of Journalism, I minored in political science with an emphasis on Middle East studies. I studied the politics and cultures of the Middle East, took two quarters of Israeli Hebrew and then spent a year in the Middle East upon graduation.

I was amazed at how living in a foreign place differed from my book-learning. For instance, the vast majority of my classes completely ignored a group of people who call themselves "Palestinians." I had little idea of their history, cultural perspectives and the harsh reality of Israeli military occupation until I saw it for myself.

In the 15 years or so since I lived there, I have noticed a pattern of ignorance and suppression in America whenever it comes to Middle Eastern affairs: the Arabic perspective is almost completely kept from the average American. I had been taught we have a free press in the United States, but I came to understand the government can very easily turn the eyes of the entire media when the time is right.

Maybe Americans have had enough. President Clinton's (and most of Congress, regardless of party) recent plans to make war on Iraq received a resounding thumbs down from the American people. Clinton was ready to ignore us all until UN negotiators struck a deal with Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

Attacking Iraq is a really stupid idea and has nothing to do with the rhetoric of biological weapons and the containment of Hussein (the only president in the world, by the way, the press calls by first name). Persian Gulf exploits are always driven by U.S. oil interests, despite what is said on the nightly news.

I found the following comments from Raphael I Bidawid, the Chaldean Patriarch of Iraq. He's basically the Billy Graham of Iraq, the spiritual leader of the small but faithful Christian community in Iraq. Why doesn't Clinton and Congress see what is so clear to this brave leader?

To the American people: Pressure your government not to attack my people. It would be something unworthy of a great country such as the United States of America.

Life in Iraq goes on pretty much as normal. The people aren't aware of the international tensions, in part, because in a regime such as ours, the people are not the protagonists of politics, yet they suffer the consequences of their leaders' decisions and only receive the information given them. Because of the blockade, there is a lack of food and medicine. An estimated 4,500 children are dying every month as a result. Since 1990, more than one million children have died because of the lack of food and medicine. The people get poorer by the day; the currency has devaluated more than 5,000 percent; unemployment is rampant and the cost of living is astronomical. We can't go on like this!

The war is responsible for all this. Look, the 1990 conflict only helped to strengthen the government of Saddam. That is why I say that war is useless. Ever since the war broke out in 1990, the people give even greater support to the government. It may seem like a paradox, but that's the way it is. The war has only strengthened Saddam and punished the people, increasing the misery of their situation. Back then, I wrote to President Bush to ask him not to attack my people. I was accused of being an accomplice of Saddam since I tried to avoid the conflict.

Now, I have written to Clinton. The Pope also asked Bush to try to avoid the intervention, and he received certain guarantees that the war would not take place. The President of the United States lied to the Pope. And now it seems that history is repeating itself.

Reel Thoughts

Best new films ask important questions

by Betty Jo Tucker

I wish I were dictator in charge of U.S. moviemaking. My first decree would be that all films must have voice-over introductions by Sam Elliott, that wonderful actor best known as television's "Conagher." In "The Big Lebowski," the eagerly-awaited new Coen Brothers, film from Gramercy Pictures, Elliott uses his deep, rumbling-thunder tones to set the stage for an enormously entertaining tale of mistaken identity. As Elliott speaks to us, a tumbleweed rolls its lonely way to the outskirts of Los Angeles. In the background, we hear the Sons of the Pioneers crooning "Tumblin', Tumbleweed." And then we meet the most casual hero ever depicted on film, a man called "The Dude" (Jeff Bridges). Bridges, perfect for this role, plays an unemployed throw-back to the 70's who has the same name as Jeff Lebowski, a Pasadena millionaire. The big story in "The Big Lebowski" is too complicated to explain in a brief review. It features such key plot points as kidnapping, romance, avant garde art, embezzlement, deception, dreams, and bowling.

Two of the film's many delights are John Goodman and Steve Buscemi as the Dude's best friends and bowling buddies. Goodman portrays a loud-mouthed ex-serviceman, obsessed with his experiences in Vietnam. He pushes the Dude into ridiculous no-win situations. Buscemi,



The Dude (Jeff Bridges) has a vivid dream that includes Maude (Julianne Moore) as a bowling goddess in the Ethan and Joel Coen film, "The Big Lebowski."

at the other extreme, just goes along with any plans, never quite sure of what's happening. Although played strictly for laughs, "The Big Lebowski" raises some provocative questions about friendship. Just how much should we rely on our friends during a crisis situation? Should we tell friends how to solve their problems? How far should we go in helping a friend out of a jam?

Similar questions are dealt with in "Twilight," a Paramount Pictures drama starring Paul Newman, Susan Sarandon, and Gene Hackman. Newman excels as an over-the-hill private investigator befriended by an ailing former Hollywood star (Hackman) and his still glamorous wife

(Sarandon). As a result of this friendship, Newman becomes involved in an intriguing murder mystery that places him in considerable personal danger. A super cast (also including James Garner and Stockard Channing) and a first-rate screenplay by Robert Benton and Richard Russo combine to make "Twilight" one of the best of the current film noir efforts.

In contrast, the muddled "Palmetto," another film noir drama, reveals this popular genre as not always fool-proof. Even talented stars Elisabeth Shue and Woody Harrelson can't save such a disappointing movie. Where was Sam Elliott when they needed him?

Letters to the Editor

What is the board trying to hide?

As concerned parents with a child in West Hills High School and having had one child graduate three years ago, we are disgusted to see what power and disregard for the well-being of West Hills and other schools the Grossmont Union High School District has exhibited.

When two different principals in the school district are fired with no reasons given, that is wrong! In our particular school, Marge Cole, was recently told she was getting her pink slip. From what we have heard the only reason given was that she wasn't a team player. If this is the case, why are numerous teachers and staff at West Hills supporting her?

We have had the privilege of knowing Marge Cole since she became principal at West Hills and have found her not only an extremely intelligent and capable individual, but also one who has a real concern for education and moral standards. If this means not being a team player then so be it but what does this say about the Grossmont District?

It certainly seems to us that the district is much too powerful in deciding what is best for our kids ... particularly in light of their recent practice to get rid of principals with no clear-cut reasons but also their ability to make time and meeting room changes in order that the public is not able to attend or participate when they are "conducting business."

Just a thought ... what are they trying to hide? Perhaps we are missing something but it was our impression these were public schools!

MR. AND MRS. GAYLE BAUGHER
Santee

El Niño isn't just water under the bridge

by Norrie West

Sure, El Niño has soaked us pretty good, with battering storms, mud slides, flooding and a slamming, damaging surf.

Behind those dark skies there is some sunshine. Those heavy rains have saved water suppliers throughout the county millions of dollars that could keep their budgets in line.

Why? Because every acre-foot captured in their reservoirs means not having to buy that much imported water, which is what we mostly use here.

How much does imported water cost? Just \$400 per acre foot.

"That saving, can amount to millions of dollars, and helps us to keep our costs from rising, and gives you cheaper water," said Bob Friedgen, general manager of the Helix Water District, servicing 232,000 residents in East County.

Friedgen said the El Capitan Reservoir has gained 8,770 acre-

feet in runoff in the last 30 days, thanks to good old El Niño.

"That will mean a saving of \$3.5 million for the city of San Diego, which owns El Cap," he explained.

Getting down to East County gains from El Niño, Helix's Lake Cuyamaca has captured 3,982 acre-feet in the last 30 days, saving \$1,528,000.

To be sure, all the extra rainfall does mean less watering of our lawn and garden. That cuts our bill some.

Still we have had a lot of rain, more than we might want.

Two reservoirs, El Capitan and San Vicente, are filling, but no one expects they will spill over like Lake Hodges. Mainly because they still are well below their capacity.

El Cap, with a capacity of 116,000 acre-feet, is just 30 percent full, with about 35,000 acre feet.

Makes you wonder why

Hodges is over its banks.

"For one thing, Hodges has an enormous watershed (drainage area) of 300 square miles, but only 30,000 acre feet storage,"

Friedgen explained. "It can fill up mighty fast when the earth is saturated and runoff is heavy. Just one inch of rain can mean 16,000 acre-feet, and that's more than half of Hodges capacity."

There is no doubt we are double our normal rainfall. Lake Jennings, near Lakeside, is at 20 inches. Cuyamaca Lake has had nearly 40 inches, quite a lot, but still should not be close to the seasonal record of 75 inches set in 1983.

With the prediction of an incoming "high pressure," we might get a chance to dry out. After all February is, by the records, our wettest month, and it is gone.

We might even get to like El Niño. Seems to me that it was just two years ago we were concerned about a drought.



El Niño spilled \$1.5 million worth of free water into Lake Cuyamaca this winter. Think how much we'd save if we could collect rainwater instead of just letting it run off to the sea.

Photo by Steve Hausman

LAFCO neutral on bill to make incorporating new cities feasible

by Joe Naiman

Cities are beginning to line up against counties over Assembly Bill 2147, which would repeal the 1992 law that made forming new cities infeasible.

San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), however, is staying on the sidelines.

LAFCO, which analyzes the formation or merging of special districts, opted not to take a position on AB 2147, which would eliminate the "revenue neutrality" requirement of future incorporations.

"It's really between cities and the county and not LAFCO," said Michael Ott, executive director of LAFCO, who advised the eight-member LAFCO board to remain neutral. "Those two are really going to be the ones who are

going to engage in the debate on revenue neutrality."

The revenue neutrality clause was a 1992 amendment to the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985. The amendment inserted Section 56845 into the Government Code.

The section states that any proposal including an incorporation should result in a similar exchange of both revenue and responsibility for service delivery among the county, the proposed city and other subject agencies.

The stated intent of the Legislature was that an incorporation should not occur primarily for financial reasons.

The commission may make an exception if the county and all subject agencies agree to the proposed transfer and that the negative fiscal effect has been mitigated by tax-sharing agree-

ments, lump-sum or long-term payments, or other remuneration.

"As a result of that new law, we have not seen any incorporations in San Diego County," said Ott.

San Diego County's newest cities, Encinitas and Solana Beach, were incorporated after voters approved cityhood in the 1986 elections. The two previous incorporations, those of Santee and Poway, occurred six years earlier in the 1980 elections.

AB 2147, which would repeal Section 56845 of the Government Code, was introduced by Bruce Thompson on Feb. 19. Its principal co-authors are Assembly members Bowler, Campbell, and Runner, with additional co-authorship from Assembly members Ackerman, Baldwin, and Kaloogian.

Ott feels that the co-authorship will cause the bill to pass out of the Assembly committee, but that it will face debate on the Assembly floor.

The League of Cities will be supporting AB. 2147, but the Cal-

ifornia State Association of Counties will oppose repeal of the revenue neutrality requirement.

The LAFCO board accepted Ott's recommendation without comment or debate. LAFCO's board consists of two members of the County Board of Supervisors (currently Dianne Jacob and Bill Horn), one member from the San Diego City Council (currently

Harry Mathis), two members from suburban City Councils (currently Santee's Lori Howard and Carlsbad's Julianne Nygaard), two members from special districts (currently Lillian Childs of the Helix Water District and Ron Wootton of the Vista Fire Protection District), and one member of the public (currently Andrew VanderLaan).

Smith and Western open for Stuart, boy singer and all

by Joe Naiman

In their first out-of-town appearance with their new singer, the country music band Smith and Western opened for Marty Stuart at the Mid-Winter Fair in El Centro Feb. 28.

Stuart is a honky-tonking new traditionalist whose hits include "This One's Gonna Hurt You (For a Long, Long Time)" and "The Whiskey Ain't Workin'."

Smith and Western, the house band at East County's Flinn Springs Inn, not only features award-winning vocalist Kelly Smith, but her 9-year-old son, Cameron.

Although Kelly earned Female Vocalist of the Year honors at the Country Music People's Choice Awards in 1995, Cameron has become a tremendous hit, including his appearance at the Mid-Winter Fair.

"That was a blast. There were like 250 people joined up for Cameron's autograph," said Kelly.

Smith and Western earned the

right to open for Doug Supernaw and Toby Keith at the 1996 KSON CountryFest by winning the Battle of the Bands, and the group had previously opened for John Lee at a USO function.

Opening for Stuart was the first time the band opened for a national act outside of San Diego County and the first time since Cameron joined the band about a year ago.

Kelly Smith bought the Flinn Springs Inn in 1996 and Smith and Western became the house band, performing three nights a week there. The El Centro appearance was the band's first time away since Smith bought the bar.

Smith said that fair personnel called her and asked her to open for Stuart. Smith entrusted the nightclub's music to Desert Moon and made the trip with the band.

Cameron Smith, who earned the California Country Music Association's 1997 Male Vocalist honors in the 9-12 age bracket, now sings about half of the band's songs while his mother sings the other half.

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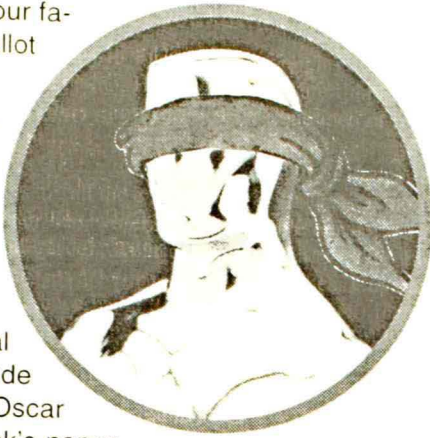
Forget Hollywood, at least for 10 minutes. Forum Publications is preparing to honor excellence in local theater with the first-ever "Eastie Awards."

Our writers have offered these nominations from the 1997 season. We invite readers to vote for your favorite actors and actresses and return the ballot to our office by March 10.

Most people haven't seen all these shows, so don't sweat it. Like any good voter, pick your favorites and leave the rest blank.

Everyone who casts a ballot will be eligible to win tickets to upcoming local shows. Anonymous ballots will not be counted (you ballot-stuffers know who you are!)

The winners will be announced at a special awards ceremony to be held at the Lakeside Theater on March 22, the night before that Oscar guy tries to crash the scene. Watch next week's paper for more details on the awards show. Thanks for your help!



Femme fatales



Pageant time is winding up again. The first competition of the season was held in Lakeside on Feb. 21. Brandy Balke (left) was named Miss Lakeside 1998 and Johnnie Lundgren Teen Miss Lakeside 1998.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

Easties Ballot

Please mail to: Box 127, Lemon Grove, CA 91946
Your name will be entered into a drawing for tickets to local productions. Anonymous ballots will not be counted.

Best Actor (Drama)

- ☐ Jeffrey Jones — "Night Must Fall" (Octad)
- ☐ Danny Campbell — "Dancing At Lughnasa" (Octad)
- ☐ Lloyd Frazier — "Driving Miss Daisy" (Lamp.)
- ☐ David Gallagher-Lydecker — "Laura" (Lamp.)

Best Actress (Drama)

- ☐ Jill Virginia Costanzo — "Night Must Fall" (Octad)
- ☐ Pat Hansen — "Driving Miss Daisy" (Lamp.)
- ☐ Ginger Radenheimer — "Night Must Fall" (Octad)

Best Actor (Comedy)

- ☐ Jeffrey Jones — "Picnic" (Octad)
- ☐ Joseph Zilvinskis — "My Three Angels" (Octad)
- ☐ Andy Boutelle — "Father Of The Bride" (Lamp.)

Best Actress (Comedy)

- ☐ Gail Freeborn — "My Three Angels" (Octad)
- ☐ Layla Stuckey — "Father Of The Bride" (Lamp.)
- ☐ Nancy Errickson — "Father Of The Bride" (Lamp.)

Best Supporting Actor (Comedy)

- ☐ Marty Hresa — "My Three Angels" (Octad)
- ☐ Jack Winan — "My Three Angels" (Octad)
- ☐ Max Macke — "Father Of The Bride" (Lamp.)
- ☐ Greg Muskowitz — "Father Of The Bride" (Lamp.)
- ☐ Danny Campbell — "Much Ado About Nothing" (Octad)

Best Supporting Actress (Comedy)

- ☐ Teresa Henning — "My Three Angels" (Octad)
- ☐ Robin Roarke — "Father Of The Bride" (Lamp.)
- ☐ Nancy Errickson — "Father of the Bride" (Lamp.)
- ☐ Layla Stuckey — "Father of the Bride" (Lamp.)

Best Actor (Musical)

- ☐ Jason Kent — "Godspell" (CCT)
- ☐ Paul Russell — "South Pacific" (CCT)
- ☐ William Nolan — "South Pacific" (CCT)
- ☐ Donal Pugh — "Annie" (CCT)
- ☐ David Schwartzentraub — "Annie" (CCT)
- ☐ Justin Parks — "Godspell" (CCT)
- ☐ Ken Rose — "Traditions Of Christmas" (CCT)

Best Actress (Musical)

- ☐ Amy Cook — "42nd Street" (CCT)
- ☐ Amy Cook — "South Pacific" (CCT)
- ☐ Stephanie Hargrove — "South Pacific" (CCT)
- ☐ Whitney Pappas — "Annie" (CCT)
- ☐ Louise Smith — "Annie" (CCT)
- ☐ Jaime Cohen — "The Wacky, Wild Days of The West" (Octad)
- ☐ Melissa Chase — "The Wacky, Wild Days Of The West" (Octad)

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Library sales tax set for 1999 ballot

The library tax, which failed in the November 1996 election by about seven percentage points, will be back on the ballot in one year.

The San Diego County Regional Library Authority, a 19-member consortium representing 18 cities and the county of San Diego, set March 2, 1999, as the date of a special election for a 1/4-cent sales tax for five years to benefit libraries throughout the

county.

The 1996 measure received 59 percent of the vote, winning majority approval but failing the super-majority of two-thirds required by California Prop 13.

"Our branch libraries need help," said San Diego County Supervisor Pam Slater. "The increase in sales tax for just five years will provide enough funds to improve service, increase children's programs, build several

new branches, and renovate older buildings."

The Library Authority, a special body created by the Board of Supervisors, was impaneled to create the sales tax ordinance, specifically to benefit the 74 branch libraries within the seven independent municipal libraries and the county library system. Authority members are working with community leaders to strategize a year-long campaign to educate voters about the measure.

Slater pointed out that the measure will sunset after five years.

"I wanted to make certain that the measure terminated after just five years," Slater said. "I wanted that inscribed in stone and I got it."

Should the measure be successful, more than \$423 million would be generated from the sales tax over the five-year period to benefit branch libraries. Of that amount over \$108 million would benefit branch libraries in the 11 cities and the unincorporated area served by the San Diego County Library.

The five-year amounts projected by SANDAG for East County libraries are as follows (in millions):

El Cajon	\$21.7 million
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Lemon Grove	4.5
Santee	7.3
Unincorporated areas	\$20.1

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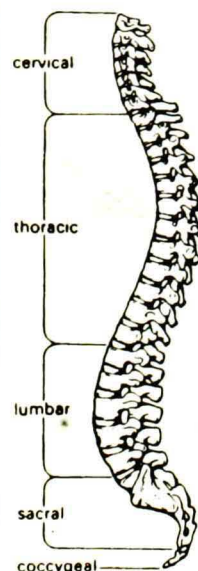
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Letter to the Editor

Tow yard had done alot for Lemon Grove

I am concerned about Bob Burns' "B Words" column that appeared Feb. 5 ["Project 'Our Town' typifies Lemon Grove"]. I am not looking to have this published but to tell you that I took offense at Mr. Burns calling my family towing and recycling business a hideous junk yard. My parents, Susie and the late Harold (Puffy) Holaday started the towing business in the mid-40s. Mr. Burns has known our family since he moved here and knows mom is still alive and well living here in Lemon Grove. He talks about acceptance of different people, yet his own statement clearly shows what he thought of the wrecking yard. I thought it was rude and uncalled for wording.

The towing company did look worn in the last years but that was not all caused by my family. The city would not issue permits to do repairs or do refurbishing and would not think of allowing it to be relocated anywhere in the city. That was the wish of my brother who had run it for many years. During the 50s, that Mr. Burns speaks of, the place had quite a different look.

My memories of the towing business are different than some

people but many benefited from it. Long before there were paramedics or the fire department had the jaws of life, the tow truck and driver were often the first to arrive at an accident. Mom was the dispatcher and would call the needed drivers. But, for most of the early years, it was my dad who went out on calls. I recall on more than one occasion him lifting a car off a child that had been hit by a car while riding a bike, he pried doors open to help firemen or police reach victims, he used the tow truck to lift cars when someone was partially pinned under a vehicle. Many times the tow trucks were just used to help people pull large cactus or bamboo plants out of yards, many little jobs were done free of charge.

There was never a week that went by that we did not have a highway patrolman, sheriff or marshall sitting in the kitchen having coffee and possibly a cookie or donut with mom and dad, they were all friends. The drivers got to spend Christmas and Thanksgiving with their families. We took the calls and my brother, dad or uncle would go out on the town.

Mr. Burns mentions the soul of our town and of ethnic diversity.

Long before it was politically correct we had people of color working for us. Most of the workers and lots of the customers have formed life long friendships with our family.

We do not need acceptance from Mr. Burns. We got our thanks from the hundreds of people that were helped over the years. I was proud of the family business and from my point of view when the

tow company closed, the community lost something that was good, something that was American and something that was not hideous.

MICKI MCWILLIAMS
Lemon Grove

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that personal property in the following units will be sold at public auction, on the 16th day of March, 1998 at or after 8:00 a.m. pursuant to the California Self-Storage Facility Act. The sale will be conducted at U-Haul Co. of San Diego, 1805 Massachusetts Ave., Lemon Grove, CA 92045. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: clothing, furniture, and/or other household items stored by the following persons:

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6. Tyree Chauntee
5379 TC 0956K OP3
7. Kenny Standing
DC0002Z B2
8. Kathleen Schmidt
TM2018U OP1
9. Claudia Espino
DC8411B B3
10. James Carr
5379TC 2241K 58 & OP13
11. Rod Brady
EL4254A 63
12. Sullivan Love
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- 210 Bryant Shea
- 185 Danny Londo
- 327 Jordanna Robinson
- 287 Jordanna Robinson
- 190 Leonard Lagrone
- 189 Leonard Lagrone
- 320 Millison Price
- 125 Miguel Palicte
- 131 Anthony Lopez
- 104 Thomas Sherelle
- 215 Kelli Martin
- 117 James Wright
- 439 Manuelreen Kendrick

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LUCIANO G. RECCHIA AKA LUCIANO GAETANO RECCHIA AKA LUCIANO RECCHIA CASE NO. P171887

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: LUCIANO G. RECCHIA AKA LUCIANO GAETANO RECCHIA AKA LUCIANO RECCHIA. A PETITION has been filed by ANTHONY J. RECCHIA in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. THE PETITION requests that ANTHONY J. RECCHIA be appointed as

personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 23, 1998 at 1:45 P.M. in Dept. 35 located at 220 W. Broadway San Diego CA 92101.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Joseph Rossetti, Esq.
1551 Fourth Ave., #500
San Diego CA 92101-3153
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Assigned File No 98004650
The Name of the Business:
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RUTH E. WHITEN
SAME AS ABOVE

This business is conducted by an Individual
The transaction of business began on FEB. 19, 1998

Signature of Registrant:
RUTH E. WHITEN

This statement was filed with Gregory J. Smith the Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on FEB. 19, 1998
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PRESIDENT

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CITY OF LEMON GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF FILING OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CODE AND MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 17, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lemon Grove Community Center, 3146 School Lane, Lemon Grove to consider the following:

Subject: Hearings -

1) Development Code Amendment ZA97-04 to consider an amendment to Section 18.27.060A(17) (Minimum Conditions of Approval) of Chapter 18.27 (Alcoholic Beverage Sales) of the Lemon Grove Development Code to clearly indicate that food and drug stores with the incidental sale of alcoholic beverages as defined in Section 18.27.030(B) are not required to maintain a minimum separation of 500 feet from any other business required to have a conditional use permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages. Location: Within commercial zones in the City of Lemon Grove.

2) Development Code Amendment ZA 97-06 to consider an amendment to Chapter 18.27.030(B.1) (Definitions, Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Incidental Restaurants), and Section 18.27.060(B.8) (Minimum Conditions of Approval, distance requirements for on-site alcoholic beverage sales), to allow Incidental Alcoholic Beverage Sales in restaurants, to include restaurants that may exceed a seating capacity of 100 persons, may contain a separate bar or cocktail lounge, and to clarify the distance requirements. Location: Within commercial zones in the City of Lemon Grove.

3) Development Code Amendment ZA98-01 to consider an amendment to Section 17.16.060(B.5) and (C1-2) (Central Commercial) zone, and Section 17.16.070(B.4) and (C1-2) (General Commercial) zone of the Zoning Ordinance in order to require the issuance of a conditional use permit to authorize the establishment of restaurants with separate cocktail lounges or bars, and miscellaneous eating places that serve alcohol. Location: Within the Central Commercial and General Commercial zones in the City of Lemon Grove.

At said hearing, any interested person may appear and be heard. A Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact has been filed by the City of Lemon Grove for this project. The Initial Study which has been prepared for this project is available for public review in the Office of the Community Development Department, 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, California 91945.

Written comments regarding the adequacy of this Negative Declaration must be submitted to the City of Lemon Grove Community Development Department, 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, California within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this Notice. Questions regarding this hearing may be addressed to Robert W. Larkins at 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945-1797 and at (619) 464-6934 on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 A.M.

and 5:30 P.M. City Hall is closed every other Friday.
LINDA S NILES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), THE CITY WILL PROVIDE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WHO REQUIRE ASSISTANCE TO ACCESS, ATTEND AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. IF YOU REQUIRE SUCH ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AT (619) 464-6934 AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 96-0534-0955 Loan No. 9732543 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 5/18/89 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 3/26/98 at 10:00 AM, LONESTAR MORTGAGE SERVICES, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 5/19/89, as Instrument No. 89-286357, in book 4 page 1 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, State of California. Executed by LARRY L. GITTINS AND CHERI L. GITTINS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 220 WEST BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA (NOTE: CASHIER'S CHECK(S) MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO LONESTAR MORTGAGE SERVICES, L.L.C. all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by 4 under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: "As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust" APN #480-330-10-00. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2802 AND 2806 CYPRESS AVE LEMON GROVE CA 92045. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the Trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$164,010.87. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located Date February 27, 1998 LONESTAR MORTGAGE SERVICES, L.L.C., as Trustee Daytra Green, Authorized Signature Address: P.O. Box 515388, Dallas, Texas 75251-5388. FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)387-7728 LONESTAR MORTGAGE SERVICES, L.L.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY US IS USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP309320 35, 3/12, 3/19

PUBLIC NOTICE

The La Mesa-Lemon Grove-Spring Valley Nutrition Board, Inc., dba: Mesa Valley Grove Senior Programs, is applying for a federal grant under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Administration to purchase a 14-passenger van and replacement 18-passenger bus and to provide door-to-door transportation service within the La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Spring Valley areas to meet the special needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities for whom public mass transportation services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. Interested public or private transit or paratransit operators within the service area are invited to comment on the proposed services by sending a written notice within 15 days to La Mesa-Lemon Grove-Spring Valley Nutrition Board, Inc., dba: Mesa Valley Grove Senior Programs, 8235 Mt. Vernon Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945 and to Caltrans District, P.O. Box 85406, San Diego, CA 92186-5406.

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Commentary

Name game may hurt Davies

by Joe Naiman

He who lives by name recognition dies by name recognition.

For the past several years Tom and Nadia Davies have earned votes in low-profile races by name recognition. In 1990 Tom Davies ran for the board of the Grossmont Union High School District. The Grossmont district is big enough that community reputation can't be a factor as it is in many of Grossmont's feeder districts, but it's small enough and low enough on the ballot that it gets obscured by statewide offices, Congressional and state legislative races, and propositions. As a result, name recognition, or the voters' perceived familiarity with a candidate, often ends up as the deciding factor in Grossmont board elections.

In 1992, Alfonsina Davies tried to join her father on the board. She failed, but the name Davies was enhanced in the district. In 1994 Tom ran for the County Board of Education seat covering part of the Grossmont district and part of the City of San Diego. He defeated an incumbent to take the seat.

In 1996, Nadia was one of five

candidates running for the Grossmont school board. Recognition of the name Davies placed her atop the district's candidates, garnering her more votes than even the two incumbents. Much of the district had seen the name "Davies" on the ballot four times in seven years. In Tom's current re-election campaign those overlapping portions will have seen the name in five different elections, including twice this June due to the recall effort against Nadia.

Tom has benefitted by name recognition. But this time that campaign technique is about to benefit his opponent, Eugene Brucker.

When voters go to the polls June 2, they will be looking at this low-profile election and deciding whether to vote for the candidate they think Tom Davies is or the candidate they think Eugene Brucker is.

Eugene Brucker is a retired teacher. He's not that well known outside of the schools in which he taught. In East County, the name Brucker is associated with the Cajon Speedway. The late Earle Brucker Sr. built the facility, Earle Brucker Jr. ran the facility for many

years, and now Earle's sons, Steve and Kevin, run the track. The first image that comes to mind when the name "Brucker" is mentioned is the Cajon Speedway, where controversy is restricted to the driver level and most passive, moderate, and fervent racing fans have a positive perception of the track.

Since name recognition of the Brucker family requires minimal familiarity with the track, this will go against Tom Davies. His strength is in the more conservative East County portion of his district, not in the San Diego portion, and the Brucker name is better known in this area. Furthermore, the belief of many voters that they will be voting for the Cajon Speedway icon will most likely occur among NASCAR fans, a very politically incorrect group which Davies needs to maintain his seat.

The only thing helping Tom right now is that the daily newspapers, who have been the hardest on the Davies, have inferior Cajon Speedway coverage. But Tom Davies is in more trouble than he realizes. The election is on June 2 - in the midst of the Cajon Speedway racing season.



Planets make appearance in March

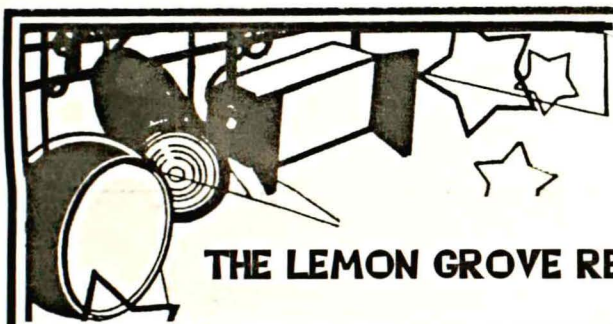
Three planets can be seen in the sky during March. Saturn is the highest evening planet for most of the month, 25 degrees up in west-southwest at dusk at start of month, sinking to horizon by month's end. Mercury emerges very low in the west at dusk, to lower right of Mars by end of first week, and fades quickly in fourth week. Mars is very low in the west at dusk, sinking to horizon by month's end. Faint Mars will be just one degree left of Mercury on Tuesday, and is the lowest of the three planets for rest of month.

Binoculars will be useful for locating faint Mars, for seeing Mercury near the beginning and end of its apparition and for following Saturn late in month as it sinks into the twilight glow. All three will be gone by month's end.

At dawn, Venus is brilliant in the southeast all month. The crescent Moon is nearby on March 24. Jupiter emerges to Venus' lower left late in month.

Orion, the Hunter, well up in the south an hour after sunset in early March, helps locate several other constellations and bright stars. Orion's pattern is easy to recognize: "Three stars in a row, and two stars above, two below." Three stars of 2nd-magnitude in a short, nearly straight line mark his belt. Orion's two brightest stars, on opposite sides of the belt, are reddish Betelgeuse, marking a shoulder, and blue-white Rigel, marking a foot. Follow Orion's belt to the lower left to find Sirius, the Dog Star, brightest in the night sky. Extend Orion's belt in the opposite direction to find the orange star Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus, the Bull.

An hour after sunset tonight, the Moon will be high in south, with Aldebaran 13 degrees to the Moon's west, and Betelgeuse nearly as far to the Moon's lower left.



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